



VETERANS AND FAMILY SUPPORT

APRIL 2025

Did you know that the VA has a Care Givers Support Line? **1-855-260-3274** is a Toll Free number for caregivers, family members, Veterans, and community partners. As of February 10th, 2025 its operational hours have been changed to 8:00a.m. to 8:00p.m. Monday through Friday. This change was made to provide better support to caregivers during critical hours. The Caregiver Support Team can help whether you are in need of immediate assistance or if you should have questions about what services you may be eligible for.

APRIL is the month of the Military Child and **PURPLE** is its official color. Every year lots of military children are faced with challenges and unique experiences because their parents are deployed. Many active duty families will move every 2-3 years uprooting their children. Do you know what the official flower of the Military Child is? It's the **DANDELION!!** Like the dandelion they learn that in order to survive, they must adapt to whatever or where ever the winds of adventure take them.

DANDELION POEM BY UNKNOWN AUTHOR

DANDELIONS PUT DOWN ROOTS ALMOST ANYWHERE,
THEY ARE HARDY AND UPRIGHT
A SURVIVOR IN A BROAD RANGE OF CLIMATES
MILITARY CHILDREN BLOOM EVERYWHERE THE WINDS CARRY THEM,
THEY ARE WELL ROUNDED, CULTURALLY AWARE, TOLERANT AND EXTREMELY RESILIENT.
DANDELIONS AND MILITARY CHILDREN ARE READY TO FLY IN THE
BREEZES THAT TAKE THEM.....TO NEW ADVENTURES, NEW LANDS, AND NEW FRIENDS.
THEY LEARN THAT TO SURVIVE MEANS TO ADAPT,
THAT WHEN ONE DOORS CLOSES ANOTHER DOOR OPENS.
THEIR ROOTS ARE STRONG, CULTIVATED DEEP IN THE ARMED FORCES,
PLANTED SWIFTLY AND SURELY.
MILITARY CHILDREN KNOW THAT HOME IS WHERE THEIR HEARTS ARE,
THAT A GOOD FRIEND CAN BE FOUND IN EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD.